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## GODSOL DENIES NEW CHARGES FROM FRANCE

Discharged When Time Limit Expires He Is Rearrested.

An interesting point of international law has arisen in the proceedings against Frank J. Godsol, who was accused by the French government with the theft of \$200 and held here in jail awaiting the receipt of important documentary evidence from France bearing upon his alleged crime. It now appears that this minor offense charged against him in connection with the \$200 matter, just forty days ago his case was submitted to Commissioner Hitt, it being stipulated at the time that on the expiration of that period unless the French government produced certain papers affecting the issues involved, the commissioner should discharge him from custody.

Time Limit Expires.

At 3:30 yesterday afternoon this 40-day time limit expired, and no papers having been received from France, Commissioner Hitt ordered Godsol's release. He was discharged and was rearrested promptly on the complaint sworn to earlier in the day by the French Ambassador.

Now Godsol's attorneys maintain that by reason of the failure of the French government to produce the papers within the allotted 40-day period, his case was dropped automatically, and that having been once in jeopardy on the issues involved he cannot be retried.

The new complaint sets forth also that on March 25, 1915, Godsol, in Paris, misrepresented to an agent of the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Company of the United States that contracts for furnishing automobile trucks to France could be secured only through an agency located in Paris, and furthermore that Godsol had such relations with the French government that he was able to control the placing of orders from the French war department for auto trucks. Such representations on Godsol's part are alleged to be fraudulent.

The complaint avers also that as a result of these fraudulent representations, Godsol, under the name of Elie Helopoloulos, was appointed agent of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Company in Paris, and that the corporation paid him \$1,563,194.54 in commissions for securing these contracts.

District Attorney Laskey is prosecuting the case against Godsol, while former Senator Bailey, of Texas, and Wilton J. Lane, of this city, are attorneys for the defendant. Godsol's attorneys claim that he is guilty of any wrongdoing, and that when opportunity is given for them to examine the papers alleged to be in possession of the French Ambassador he will be exonerated from all blame.

The case will probably be taken to the United States Supreme Court by Godsol's attorneys in event of a ruling against him.

Godsol Makes Statement.

Following his rearrest Mr. Godsol said: "I desire to make it plain that I am not raising extradition because of guilt. Shortly after I heard of the alleged charge, in December, 1917, I wanted to go back, but my counsel strongly urged against it, pointing out, with truth, that it would be folly to return voluntarily to France while my enemies exercise the political power they now hold, especially that they have inspired the Paris papers persistently and systematically to assist me; but printed nothing which I or my friends have submitted in answer, thereby creating an intense prejudice against me, with the result that I could hardly obtain a fair trial under present conditions.

"The new charges are as unfounded as the first one which accused me of the larceny of \$200 in France at a time when I was in America.

"I am now charged with having misrepresented to an agent of the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Company that trucks could only be sold to France through me and that the corporation paid me by the Pierce-Arrow Company were added to the price of the trucks in France.

"A dead man has now been selected to assist in these new charges. Mr. Norris Perry, the agent referred to, was drowned on the Lusitania.

"The Pierce-Arrow contract was entered into between Mr. Norris Perry, representing the Pierce-Arrow Company, and Mr. Elie Helopoloulos, representing me.

"It is evident that no misrepresentation, as alleged, was made, as many other automobile manufacturers for whom neither I nor my associates are the agents, were then selling and have since sold more trucks to France than the factories we are the agents for, and the Pierce-Arrow Company was always aware of this fact, and I am sure they will not deny it.

"The commissions paid were the regular agent's commissions and were not added to the price of the cars to France; in fact, I can prove that the orders placed by France just after the agency contract was entered into with Mr. Elie Helopoloulos were at a lower price than that previously paid by France to the same factory for exactly the same trucks.

"FRANK JOSEPH GODSOL."

Foreign Committee to Meet.

Copenhagen, April 15.—The foreign committee of the Austrian delegation has been summoned to meet April 20, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Politiken.

## U. S. AID SPELLS "WIN," SAYS GYPSY SMITH

Thus Did England Greet America's War Declaration.

America's entry into the war against Germany spelled victory to the people of Great Britain and France, Gypsy Smith, an American evangelist, last night told an audience that crowded the old Billy Sunday Tabernacle. The speaker dealt with the way England is meeting its sorrows, sacrifices and hardships.

The evangelist has devoted his efforts to X. M. C. A. war work in France for the last two and a half years and has come to this country to aid that organization in mobilizing the army of volunteer workers.

Gypsy Smith described food conditions and said that each adult was allowed only four ounces of fat each week, three-quarters of a pound of meat a week, and two ounces of bread a meal.

"We are having to face worse than this," he said, "but, thank God, our people are not grumbling at having to do it. We know we are at war. We know it in another way. There is mourning in every house. You Americans don't know yet."

Gypsy Smith will speak at the hut again tonight at 8 o'clock. The doors will be opened at 7:15 and a song service will begin at 7:30.

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There every American will give up his luxuries and if necessary his necessities so that the world will never again be troubled with Kaiserism.

"Your boys are giving their lives," said District Attorney Laskey, and they fully expect you to back them up with your money. It is only by buying liberty bonds that we can hope for a quick ending to this war and every bond you buy is not only a good financial investment, but it makes the life of your boy in the trenches just that much safer. Let's everybody get together and oversubscribe the third liberty loan."

Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford addressed the audience and urged everyone to buy at least one bond of the third liberty loan.

Rev. Gannulus Talks.

"I would rather wear on my head one of the old hats that Woodrow Wilson had discarded than to have my brow encircled by the crown of monarchy!"

In this way Rev. Frank W. Gannulus, D. D., president of the Armour Institute, of Chicago, summed up his diagnosis of the relative quality of humanity existing between democracy and Kaiserism in an address to an overflowing audience last night at the First Congregational Church.

The meeting had been called for the purpose of listening to the man known as America's greatest orator discuss the subject of "The Present Crisis."

As a matter of fact, those present resolved themselves into a committee on the whole in the interest of liberty loan bonds, and subscriptions poured in from all sides to such a large extent that no attempt was made last night to compute the total amount thus received.

John Poole, chairman of the local liberty loan committee, presided, and introduced the speaker of the evening in his customary patriotic manner. Later he attended the Gypsy Smith meeting at the tabernacle.

Mrs. McAdoo to Leave.

Mrs. William C. McAdoo, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, will join him at Grand Canyon, Ariz., and accompany him on the remainder of his Western speaking tour for the Third Liberty Loan.

Mrs. McAdoo is chairman of the National Woman's Liberty Loan Committee and will give the woman's point of view to the women of the country.

U. S. THOROUGHLY POLICED, SAYS JUSTICE AGENT

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4,000,000 enemy aliens or members of their families in the United States, Mr. Gregory suggests that dangerous work probably is being done by other nationals, and urges the passage of the passport bill already introduced by his department, to control the movements in and out of the country of all persons.

German Harvesters for Russia.

Amsterdam, April 15.—Two thousand carloads of German agricultural machinery are to be sent to Russia this spring, to be used in growing food for German soldiers, according to the Breslau Volkswacht.

## ANOTHER FOE LUNGE FOR AMIENS IS VIEW

Supreme Motive of German Militarists Is to Capture Channel Ports, in Opinion of Strategic Experts Here.

Late cables from abroad convince the majority of the army's strategic experts stationed here that the German effort to capture Amiens and the Channel ports is the supreme motive of the Prussian general staff and that the success or failure of the British lines to hold will spell victory or defeat of the German plan of offensive.

A small minority of the staff, however, hold to the belief that another drive by the Germans at another point on the Western front is in process of organization.

One of the prominent officers who hold to the latter theory defended his position yesterday in this wise: "We must remember that Germany's militarists are skating on thin ice. They must carry their battle line forward and they will suffer defeat from the hands of the outraged citizenry of Germany. The great danger they face is the political attrition, which will come as the reaction of the masses of Germany when they find that thousands of their loved ones have been killed in a vain effort to rout the forces of the allies."

Predicts Another Blow.

"Under such circumstances it is apparent that they give scant consideration to the loss of men. Failure to achieve a military victory by the end of the year, however, I hold that there is excellent reason to believe that another blow will be aimed at the allies."

"It is the belief of most military men that the crushing blow can be administered to the allies by any drive such as Hindenburg is now engaged in on the north end of the allies' line. From the losses incurred by the German army in gaining the first fifteen miles, it is reasonable to believe that he stands ready to lose a million and a half men in putting the British forces out of action temporarily."

It is estimated that if by an advance of seventy-five miles, the German leaders lost 1,500,000 men they would still have left about 1,000,000 men for a drive at another point. These seem the big figures, but we must remember the divisions in Rumania and the Balkans.

"Assuming that it would cost the enemy 200,000 more men to hold the remnants of the British forces, assuming that they might go through Switzerland and thus break into Southern France with the loss of few men, they could roll through the French lines with which to enforce a demand for peace."

Trying Out Line to South.

"They have been trying out the line to the south. The report of the engagement in which the Americans threw them back in an all-day engagement indicates that it is always possible that they might go through Switzerland and thus break into Southern France with the loss of few men."

There is no doubt but that they are trying to draw all the allies' reserves to Northern France. The great question Gen. Foch faces is whether he cannot afford to weaken his reserve forces in the south.

The British have fought as the men of their nation never fought before. They have given to the world a brilliant example of the power of the man fighting in a just cause. I have no reason to think that the German pressure against the north line will be lessened. The Germans tried to sever the contact of the French and British. Then they tried to drive a wedge between the British and the Portuguese. It is logical to expect that their next attack in this district will be at the point where the British and Belgians meet. This point is lowland, and a difficult area for fighting, but officers who have recently returned state that the terrain is such that an attack could be made and another advance could be attempted at that point.

It would appear that the Germans are confident that if they can put the British temporarily out of action that they can easily brush aside the French and American forces.

The situation is grave from the standpoint that the Germans may yet be able to do a lot of damage on the north end of the line. But it is not a difficult area for fighting, but officers who have recently returned state that the terrain is such that an attack could be made and another advance could be attempted at that point.

Club May Ask House to Build for Insane.

Declaring that there are no facilities to take proper care of the 800 feeble-minded persons in Washington, the Monday Evening Club, at its meeting last night in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., went on record as favoring immediate action by Congress, which will allow the District Commissioners to erect an asylum for the insane.

Alexander Johnson, former president of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, declared that fourteen out of the forty-eight States in the Union, in addition to the District of Columbia, have no facilities for taking care of the growing number of insane people in this country.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the widow's pension bill which is now before Congress and which provides a pension for widows left without means of support.

The nominating committee nominated the following members for officers of the club: Dr. A. J. McKelway, president; Mrs. Adolph Kahn, first vice president; Steven E. Kramer, second vice president; J. H. Hildebrand, recording secretary; R. Thomas West, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Edna K. Bushee, treasurer.

## RED MEN HOLD BIG TORCHLIGHT PARADE

Picturesque Spectacle Opens Week of "Trading Post" Festivities.

Arrayed in full Indian costumes and led by the Alexandria Yard Band along a line of march lit up with red torch light, last night's parade of Red Men from Third and H streets to Fyfe's Temple, where they opened the week's trading post festivities, was an unusually picturesque spectacle.

Arriving at the Council Grounds, an address of welcome was delivered by Great Sachem Ernest S. Boyer, which was heartily cheered, and then the fun began.

Gayly decorated booths selling everything from liberty bonds to chances on a piece of fancy work donated by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, line the walls which are covered with festoons of hunting and American flags. Braves and squaws, in resplendent attire, are stationed throughout the hall to see that everybody has a good time, and everybody does.

LONESOME CLUB WILL PICK ANOTHER NAME

New D. C. Organization to Meet Tonight for This Purpose.

Twenty-five hundred members of the "Lonesome Club" will meet tonight in the Church of the Covenant to select a new name for their club. Why they want a new name no one knows, but they want to change it, and so one of the following names will be picked out at tonight's meeting: The All States Club, State Friendship Club, and the Newcomers' State Organization.

The object of the "Lonesome Club" is to spread sociability among the newcomers in Washington who have come here to help the government during the war.

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## FUEL AND RAIL CHIEFS DISPUTE ON COAL SITUATION

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"Some part of this loss was due to the failure of mine labor on April 1, Mitchell Day, the anniversary of the enactment of the eight-hour law. With the exception of two weeks during the hardest weather of the winter the daily bituminous production was low during the week ending April 6 more than at any time since the Fuel Administration was organized."

"Car shortage reports for the week ended April 6 are not yet available, but for the week ended March 30 the mines throughout the country showed an average loss in production due to car shortage of 23.3 per cent."

"Continued shortage of cars at the mines in the fields supplying the Eastern industrial territory has had the effect of keeping mine labor idle for days at a time and in some of the fields has cut the working time to one or two days a week. Under these conditions the mine workers, unable to maintain themselves and their fam-

ily on their curtailed pay, have been tempted by the steady employment offered by the war industries in the manufacturing centers.

Gravely Apprehensive.

"The Fuel Administration is gravely apprehensive, lest this condition result in the complete demoralization of the labor supply of the bituminous mining industry. Even a short continuance of these car supply conditions will result in the forcing out of the mining fields the labor which the mining operators and the Fuel Administration may find it impossible to replace, even if the railroads are unable to offer a full car supply to the mines later in the summer. Reports to the Fuel Administration give evidence of unrest and dissatisfaction among the mine workers who throughout the past year have given patriotic service, even when it meant a personal sacrifice."

"The Fuel Administration is convinced that unless there is immediate and material improvement in car supply efficiency, the country faces the certainty of a serious shortage of bituminous coal."

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